

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 011105

60

ORIGIN STR-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 STRE-00 AGR-05 COME-00 FEA-01

USIE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 EB-07 FRB-03 H-02

INR-07 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 AID-05

CIEP-01 SS-15 TAR-01 TRSE-00 PRS-01 SP-02 OMB-01

NSCE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 /082 R

DRAFTED BY STR:FBDENT:RCF

APPROVED BY STR:FBDENT

STR:JSTARKEY

USDA:DHUME

STATE:WBARRACLOUGH

----- 119484

O 160118Z JAN 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 011105

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: CITRUS WAX PROBLEM

1. DOMESTIC CITRUS INDUSTRY EXTREMELY EXERCISED OVER INDICATIONS THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL BAN THE APPLICATION OF WAX TO THE EXTERIOR OF FRUIT EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1976. INDUSTRY CLAIMS THAT JAPANESE IMPORTERS HAVE SUSPENDED ALL PURCHASES OF U.S. CITRUS AS RESULT OF IMPENDING REGULATION. THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS REGULATION IS EXPECTED . STOP SHIPMENT OF FRUIT. THIS HAS VERY SERIOUS NEAR TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR FLORIDA WHERE GRAPEFRUIT IS REACHING PEAK MARKETING PERIOD. ARIZONA, TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA CROPS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 011105

WOULD BE SIMILARLY AFFECTED.

2. THE INDUSTRY HAD PLANNED TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MINISTRY OF HEALTH ON JANUARY 19 TO REQUEST EFFECTIVE DATE BE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 1, 1976. AT REQUEST OF STR THEY HAVE NOW DELAYED VISIT TO JANUARY 21 IN ORDER TO GIVE U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO OPPORTUNITY TO URGENTLY REQUEST THE DEFERMENT OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. IMMEDIATE CONCERN OF CITRUS INDUSTRY IS TO GET PAST THIS MARKETING SEASON. WE FEEL HOWEVER THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO SPECIFY DATE TO AVOID FACING SAME PROBLEM TEN

MONTHS FROM NOW. THEREFORE, STR PROPOSES TO CALL IN JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 16 AND REQUEST INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT PENDING CONSULTATIONS.

4. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE IMPACT OF THIS REGULATION ON DOMESTIC CITRUS INDUSTRY IS CAUSING THEM TO THREATEN ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION IN STATE LEGISLATURES AND OTHER FORMS OF PROTEST OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE TRADE DISCRIMINATION. THE POTENTIAL FOR VERY SERIOUS REACTION CAN BE DEFUSED ONLY BY PROMPT JAPANESE RESPONSE.

5. PROMPT HANDLING OF THIS MATTER IS URGENT AS WELL AS REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE, CITRUS FRUITS, FOOD ADDITIVES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE011105
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: FBDENT:RCF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760016-0144
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760149/aaaabrjf.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN STR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <27 MAY 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CITRUS WAX PROBLEM
TAGS: EPAP, EAGR, JA
To: TOKYO
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006